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RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

FORT ST. DAVID CONSULTATIONS
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[*From July* 25 *to August* 11]

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The Diary and Consultation Book of Thomas Pitt Esq^r^. President for Affairs of the R^t^. Hon^ble^. English East India Company on the Coast of Choromandell and Governour of the Forts St. George & St. David &c^a^. Councill att Fort S^t^. David.

Ship Bedford Cap^t^. John Hudson Commander arrived in this road from Fort St. George, on whom there being a large Union Flag at Topmast head, the Fort saluted her with Nineteen Guns, which wee answered with the like Number, supposing the Hon^ble^. President was aboard by late advices received overland, of his intention in coming hither, Messrs. Haynes and Ingram were sent off to Congratulate the Governours arrival, who returned ashore in the Evening with severall other Gentlemen, and brought word, that the President would come to morrow Morning. 25TH.

About 8 a clock this Morning the President Messrs. Empson and Meverill of his Councill came ashore who were received with the usuall Complements from the Deputy Governour, and the Keys of the Garrison delivered which were returned againe, and a Councill forthwith order'd to be summon'd. 26TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ^R^. GOVERNOUR. SATURDAY 26TH.
WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^R^. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR.
MATTHEW EMPSON. JOHN MEVERILL.

Mr. William Fraser tender'd to the President his acc^t^. of the R^t^. Hon^ble^. Companys Cash, which was perusd and order'd to remain with him.

The Warehousekeeper & Storekeeper are order'd to unload the Treasure & goods on board the Bedford, Amounting as per Invoice to Pag. 67428 : 14 : 2 the twelve pieces Ordnance to be landed at Cuddalore, they being wanted for their works there.

The Joint Stock Merchants being in the Fort were sent for, and acquainted with the intentions of the President & Councill relating to a new Contract, & order'd to Consider thereof and forthwith to finish their old and that on Monday Morning, when the Councill setts, the state of their acco^ts^. to be laid before them.

THOMAS PITT.
WILL^M^. FRASER.
MATT. EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERILL.

In the Evening the President walk'd round and viewed the Works of this Garrison. 26TH.

The President received a Letter from Abdull Nabby Governour of Chellumbrum, Complaining against Mr. Frasers protecting a Polygar, who had rob'd and murdered severall of his Inhabitants and committed great Outrages in his Country, which was order'd to be inquired into.

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Present

MONDAY 28TH. THOMAS PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR.
WILLIAM FRASER ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR.
MATTHEW EMPSON. JOHN MEVERILL.
JOHN HAYNES. RALPH INGRAM.
TREVOR GAMES.

The President acquainted the Councill the Occasion of his coming hither, which was to inquire into their Investments soe much complained of, the occasion of the differences amongst the Companys servants, The Particulars of their Expences, The amount of the Revenues and into the state of the whole place.

Mr. Fraser in answer to what the President said of the Differences, made a long harangue in his own defence; & concluded in telling the President & Councill, that he should adhere to his former resolution, of which he acquainted the President & Councill of Fort St. George, that when the business of Doud Cawne was over, as now it was, hee desired to be dismissed the Companys service, and accordingly he is to be dismissed as soon as this month is expired, and that he has delivered up his charge.

Whereas on the 21st Instant Bompa Rause was the greatest bidder for the retailing of the Tobacco, Beetle & Ganjee within these bounds for the Ensuing year, commencing Primo August next, the said Farm was then declard to be taken by said Bompa Rause upon his producing such security approved by this board, who are also order'd to attend at our next Meeting.

The Joint Stock Merchants who were order'd to attend this day, sent word to bee excused, it being not a good day with them, and the Tobacco & Beetle Farmers did the same.

The President sent for the Generall Books to peruse what debts were owing to the Company, and order'd the getting 'em in, amongst which there was owing from Edward Bawgus Pag. 437 : 9 : $3\frac{3}{4}$ who was sent for and order'd to pay it in forthwith with the Interest due thereon.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
MATT. EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERILL.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
TREVOR GAMES.

28TH. This day severall Inhabitants of this place waited on the President to Congratulate his arrivall.

In the Evening a Dutch Ship anchor'd to the northward of the Road with a Flag at Topmast head, which was supposed to be Governour Comans from Conimeer , who past by in the Night & went to Porto Novo.

29TH. Received generall Letter from Fort St. George dated the 27th instant with severall papers as per List.

Dispatch'd Genll. Letter to Fort St. George dated this day.

30TH. Search being made after the Polygar who Abdull Labby complain'd off, word was brought that he was not within our bounds, but the President being informed that his Conicoply Chellumbrum Pilla was in a Merchants house, hee sent and arrested him, and acquainted Abdull Nabby thereof, for whom if he would send his Pardon, he would deliver him up, assuring him, that no enemy of his should have any protection here.

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This morning the President and severall with him went for Cuddalore and in his way went round & took a view of the Companys bounds, which appeared to be very Pleasant, of a fruitfull soil and capable of great Improvement. He was met by severall Merchants, who attended him into Town, where made choice of Mr. Haynes House for his Lodgings. 31ST.

The President & severall of the Councill went out this Morning early to view the works and Town wall that is a building, and return'd again about 8 of the Clock. 1ST. [AUGUST]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR. FRYDAY 1ST.
MATTHEW EMPSON. JOHN MEVERELL.
JOHN HAYNES.
EDM. MOUNTAGUE. TREVOR GAMES.

The Councill being duly summoned, The merchants being summoned to attend, in order to be Discoursed about the new Contract, they desired to be excused being qr. day of the Moon and so an unlucky day with them.

The Councill being mett, the Governour inquired of them what Number of Weavers wee had in our bounds, answer was made, between two or three hundred, which was a great surprize to him, having been often informed that soon after the Companys first settling here there was five or six thousand. The reason of their Deserting being demanded of those that resided here, twas answered, that they knew of nothing that occasion'd it, but the business of Seliam Cawne, and the laying of that heavy Tax of Beetle and Tobacco with the great incouragement the Dutch & French have of late years given weavers to draw 'em to their settlements, the French having now (as wee are advised) between 1500 or two thousand within their bounds at Pullicherry.

Upon this the President urg'd the Necessity of using all ways and means imaginable to encourage the weavers to resettle here, for that the decay of 'em had very much Lessen'd the Companys revenues & rendered it very inconvenient for making their Investments, and a great occasion of the Cloth comeing out so dear as it was, Its therefore resolved that, Whereas the Farm of Tobacco, Beetle & Ganjee was agreed to be lett out to rent, that a stop be put to it, and that wee forthwith consider of proper means to make these Farms more easie to the Handicraft & Poor people, in order to encourage them to resettle here, and that in this matter wee consult the Chief Inhabitants thereon.

Whereas many years past, there being a great Famine so that all Provisions were extravagantly dear, insomuch that the soldiers of Conimeer & Madrass could not subsist with their pay, in consideration whereof the Governour & Councill at Fort St. George added to their Pay nine fanams per mensem, but some years after when provisions grew tollerably cheap, the nine fanams was taken off at Madrass but omitted at Conimeer, which soldiers were removed hither upon the purchasing this place and the nine fanams still continued and being considered as an injustice to the Company and the unreasonableness of the soldiers having nine fanams more here than at Madrass, It is therefore order'd by the President & Councill that their pay for the future be equall to that at Madrass & that the Paymaster acquaints them therewith this day at Pay-table, and for the future whoever is entertained in the Gunroom shall have no more than ninety-one fanams per mensem, as is lately order'd in Madrass.

THOMAS PITT.
MATT. EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL
JOHN HAYNES.
EDM. MOUNTAGUE.
TREVOR GAMES.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATURDAY 2ND. THOMAS PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR.
WILLIAM FRASER ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR.
MATTHEW EMPSON. JOHN MEVERELL.
JOHN HAYNES.
EDM. MOUNTAGUE. RICHARD FARMER.
TREVOR GAMES.

Mr. Richard Farmer was sent for and reinstated in his place in the Councill there being nothing proved against him as his being Instrumentall in occasioning the Differences that has been in this place amongst the Companys servants.

The Warehousekeeper is ordered to lade on board the Bedford what bales are now embaled or shall be in readines against her Dispatch to Fort St. George.

Both setts of Joint Stock Merchants came hither, with whom wee had a long debate about a new Investment. The President produced to 'em a List of such goods the Company had this year ordered amounting to about one hundred thousand Pagodas, for the procuring of which they would not undertake it, but at extravagant rates alledging that they lost four thousand Pagodas by their last contract, and that the Dutch and French made such large Contract, that they had very considerably raised the price of all Cloth, the Dutch more especially, who in their settlements from Policat to Nagapatam for about four hundred thousand Pagodas which is more than they have done for at least these fifty years past, and tis generally reported that their orders to the Merchants are, to outbid all others, for that they must have goods let them cost what they will.

So after a tedious and long debate wee could gett no other answer from the Merchants, but that they could not undertake at this Juncture such an Investment, unless wee advance to 'em Ten per Cent on the Terms of the last Contract, The President & Councill insisting upon the Ten per Cent abatement, laying before them the great Difference between their goods and those of Madrass, both in price & goodness, for which the Company had very much complained, They replyed if it was so 'twould be the Companys Interest to make all their Investments there, and their Interest as Times go to make none here, and likewise urg'd, that this Country was so unsettled, that from the Place they made the Cloth to this, they pay at least five or six per Cent more in Custom than the Madrass Merchants, which wee have reason to creditt, so at present, not being able to bring 'em to more reasonable terms, the further consideration whereof is adjourned to Monday next.

Att this time wee consulted the Merchants about regulating the price of Beetle, Tobacco & Ganjee, and to make it more easie to the Poor not only to encourage what Inhabitants wee have, to remaine here, but if possible to induce those who have left us to return, and the Methods proposed are, vizt: That all Beetle & Tobacco shall pay as a Custom their first value, and all people whatever shall be at liberty to retail it, which the Merchants at first was of opinion that fifty per cent would be sufficient, but the President & Councill laying before them that at that rate, that part of the revenue would be very much lessened 'twas resolved that the further Consideration be referred till Monday next, and in the meantime the Conicoplys bring in an accot. of what Tobacco is imported yearly and what beetle brought from the Gardens.

Mr. Fraser declareing in the Councill that he should be ready to surrender his Charge on Monday Next, Tis ordered that Mr. John Haynes succeed him as Provll. Deputy Governour till the Rt. Honble. Company or the President & Councill at Madrass shall give further orders about it and that he receives the Cash, Papers, &ca. of Mr. Fraser belonging to the Company.

THOMAS PITT.
WILLIAM FRASER.
MATT. EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL
JOHN HAYNES.
EDMD. MOUNTAGUE.
RICD. FARMER.
TREVOR GAMES.

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Particular Letters received this day from Metchlepatam advise, that Ship De Grave Cap^{t}. Young commander belonging to the New Company, sending ashore their Pinnace at Madapollam, she was unhappily overset upon the Barr, and Mr. De Pax, his son and servant, Mr. Studd, Mr. Person, Mr. Barnardiston and ten of the boats Crew all Drownd, two only escaping who swam on board three leagues from Shore. 3RD.

The same letters also advise that a Polygar with six thousand strong plundered Bimlepatam of grain &c^{a}. seizing two Europeans and severall Peons, afterwards Marching to Vizagapatam committed the like Hostilities there, cutt of Mr. Holcombes head, but a letter to the President of an after date contradicts that about Mr. Holcombe and that he is living.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}. GOVERNOUR. MONDAY
WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^{R}. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR. 4TH.
MATT. EMPSON. JOHN MEVERELL.
JOHN HAYNES.
EDM^{D}. MOUNTAGUE. RICHARD FARMER.
TREVOR GAMES.

The Merchants all came before us who still insisted upon the Terms of Ten per Cent advance, about which wee had a long debate, but the President & Councill being thoroughly informed and finding it in their Perticular affairs to be so, that all Cloth is risen since last year at least from ten to fifteen per cent, in consideration of which and that the Merchants might not disappoint us of making an Investment, wee proposed to 'em now the Terms of last year which they refusing wee dismissed 'em telling 'em that wee could treat no further about it, unless they came to more reasonable conditions.

Mr. Fraser read his acco^{t}. of the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Comp^{as}. Cash for the month July and August to this day, Ballance being pag. 938 : 11 : 2 which he delivered to Mr. Haynes, who was ordered to go to the Fort to receive his charge, and whatever else Mr. Fraser has in his possession of the Companys.

This day wee again debated the business of the Beetle & Tobacco, and having before us the annual Consumption of both in this place, wee find that the Company will be Loosers about eight or nine hundred pag. per annum by taking a Custom instead of farming of it for the summe now offered, yet nevertheless the future benefits wee foresee that must necessarily follow induces us to this resolution viz^{t}. : That the Beetle & Tobacco be taken into the Companys hands for one year, and that a Custom be laid thereon of its first value, and that forthwith Mr. Haynes and the Councill here order the Conicoplys that they bring in an exact acco^{t}. of all Tobacco that is in Custody of all persons within our bounds that they forth with settle proper persons for collecting of it, and that it be published by beat of Drum in all places what is ordered herein, that all people are free to sell the same, and the Care of this affair is more particularly recommended to Mr. Haynes and Mr. Mountague, who are enjoined to send a monthly acco^{t}. of the Income to the Governour and Councill at Madrass.

The reasons that has induced us to the preceding resolution are viz^{t}. :

1st. Is the present easing of the Poor, who are chiefly agrieved by this Tax.

2nd. To prevent the great Clamours and reflections that are often made by the Country, and the Disturbance and Vexations that is given to all Inhabitants and Strangers that travel within our bounds by the Farmers in serching for these Commodities.

3rd. The hopes wee have that this will be Instrumentall in recalling many of our weavers, and inviting new ones to settle here.

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4th. That if this have the effect wee hope for, in making the Place Poppolous [*sic*], it will very much increase all Branches of the Revenue.

5th. Wee being assured by some of our Chiefest Inhabitants (who has promised their utmost assistance) that this will be a means of bringing great numbers of Weavers, which in a little time may be capable of making goods to the amount of the Companys Investment, which will be a great advantage not only in regard to the price and goodness of the goods, but the great security of their State.

THOMAS PITT.
WILL^{M}. FRASER.
MATT. EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL.

JOHN HAYNES.
EDM^{D}. MOUNTAGUE.
RIC^{D}. FARMER.
TREVOR GAMES.

4TH. Abdull Labby sent an answer to the Presidents Letter about some persons within our bounds, inclosing a Pardon for Chellumbrum Pilla as desired, with a Tasheriff to the President upon his sons late Marriage.

5TH. This Evening the President &c^{a}. went to the Fort.

" In the night Ship Sarum Cap^{t}. Richard Phrip Commander sailed for the West Coast by whom sent Gen^{ll}. Letter to the Deputy Governour &c^{a}. Councill at York Fort of yesterdays date inclosing bill of lading for nine Corge of Cambays.

6TH. Ship Prince Christian belonging to the Danes, Christian Lucke Commander arrived from Trincombar in Cuddalore Road. A Ship belonging to Mockdum Nina arrived from [*sic*].

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WEDNESDAY 6TH.

THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}. GOVERNOUR.

MATTHEW EMPSON.	JOHN MEVERELL.
JOHN HAYNES.	RALPH INGRAM.
EDM^{D}. MOUNTAGUE.	RIC^{D}. FARMER.

TREVOR GAMES.

Copy of the Kings Commission to the President and Councill of Fort St. George for trying Pyrats being now read at this board, It is ordered that to morrow the same be published in like manner at Cuddalore about nine a Clock in the Morning.

Order'd that Thomas Roberts soldier, Thomas Saunders & John Gardiner of the Gunroom Crew be Discharged at their request.

Thomas Emmed presenting a petition, It is agreed the Premisses be referred to the examination of Mr. Haines and that he reports the same.

The Merchants were summon'd this afternoon to know their resolution as to the Contract proposed, to which they answered, that unless wee advanced ten per cent, they were not inclinable to make any, for that they could not be Savers by it, so finding 'em very obstinate wee dismissed 'em, and afterwards debated what was proper to be done in this Conjunction, for that wee have the Bedford (a very great ship) to dispatch in January, which is impossible for us to do without making a considerable Contract in this place, having on Sunday last the ill

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news from Vizagapatam which gives us reason to believe wee shall have few bales thence, so that our whole dependance for the Dispatch of that ship must be from Madrass and this place which wee shall find very difficult to procure, considering the vast Investments made upon this Coast, wherefore have resolved rather than let so great a ship lye on Demurrage or go home dead freighted to advance as far as five per cent to the Merchants, if less will not prevail, hoping so small an advancement may be regained by the well sorting of the Cloth, upon which they were summon'd to attend to Morrow Morning.

The Difference between Cap^{t}. James Hugonin and Ensign Robert Reay, being this day examined and the latter having sent the other a Challenge under his hand, notwithstanding being his superior Officer, Tis unanimously resolved that Ensign Robert Reay be confined in order to be sent on board the Bedford for Madrass, there to be broke and made for ever uncapable of serving the Company again.

Tis order'd for the future that if any Soldiers belonging to this Garrison, address themselves to the Deputy Governour and Councill here for leave to go to Madrass to serve the Company there, it shall be granted 'em, giving timely notice to Madrass, that so many may be sent thence in their room.

THOMAS PITT.
MATT. EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
EDM^{D}. MOUNTAGUE.
RIC^{D}. FARMER.
TR. GAMES.

6TH. The Dutch Resident at Tevenapatam came to make the President a Visitt by order of Governour Comans and French at Pollicherry sent a Complement desiring to be excused by reason of their troubles.

The Wooriar at Woodapollam sent a Tasheriff to the President by his Braminy, with promise of great fidelity and all assistance to the Companys affairs.

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Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}. GOVERNOUR.
MATT. EMPSON. JOHN MEVERELL.
JOHN HAYNES. RALPH INGRAM.
EDM^{D}. MOUNTAGUE. RICHARD FARMER.
TREVOR GAMES.

THURSDAY 7TH.

The Merchants coming this Morning seemed to be better inclined to an Investment than before, and desired the perusall of the Madrass musters before us, wherein spent part of the morning and afternoon, but came to no quantity nor prices with 'em, so order'd 'em to attend again to Morrow Morning.

Mr. Bawgus being sent for up, to know the reason why he did not pay what he stood indebted to the Hon^{ble}. Company upon the Gen^{ll}. Books, hee answered, that there is severall things not brought to his credit and that hee is charged with others for which hee is not answerable, and desired further time to adjust his accompts, so tis granted that hee should be allowed one month, and that if hee

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did not finish in that time, that he be sent to Madrass by the first sea Conveyance, and for the future, that hee be paid no salary nor Diet Money, till he has cleared his Accompts.

THOMAS PITT.
MATT. EMPSON.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
EDM. MOUNTAGUE.
RICHARD FARMER.
TREVOR GAMES.

8TH. Received Generall Letter from Fort St. George dated the 6th Instant &c[a]. Papers Inclosed.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRYDAY 8TH. THOMAS PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR.

MATTHEW EMPSON.	JOHN MEVERELL.
JOHN HAYNES.	RALPH INGRAM.
EDMD. MOUNTAGUE.	RICHARD FARMER.

TREVOR GAMES.

Emanuel Cordario &c[a]. Arrac Farmers pays into the Rt. Hon[ble]. Companys Cash Pag. 141 : 24 : and is in full of last years rent for said Farm.

Ordered that one hundred fifty Pag. be paid Mr. Trevor Games Paymaster, for Defraying Charges Garrison.

The Joint Stock Merchants mett this Morning and agreed the quantity & each sort of goods, being all upon the Madrass musters, but when wee came to Discourse 'em on the prizes, they still insisted upon the Ten per Cent, and after some time came to nine, and wee finding 'em very obstinate, and seem to be resolved not to make any Contract without some advance, wee by degrees (but with long debates between) rose to five per cent, resolving not to give more, so order'd the Merchants to withdraw to consider of it, & give their answer in the afternoon, when they accordingly met, & after the usuall tedious Debates, they brought down to 6 per cent and then told us positively unless wee gave that, they would make no Contract, or if wee did not like to do it on those terms, they had much rather agree upon the Prizes that the Dutch & French give, and on their Musters, so wee concluded to give six per cent, and referr'd finishing the Contract till to Morrow Morning.

Abdull Nabby having wrote the Governour and sent a pardon for a person who had taken refuge in our bounds, & with a Tasheriff to the President, Wherefore in consideration of his having been a Constant friend to the English, and more particularly assisting to our Merchants who bring a great deal of Cloth through his Country, wee have thought fitt to send him the following presents viz[t].

China Silk wro[t]. with Gold 2 p.	P.	26	—
Scarlet Cloth ... 5 yds.	,,	15	—
Sword Blades Guilt ... 2	,,	2	18
Rose water 12 bottles	,,	8	—
Pag[s].		51	18

Ensign Reay having made a submissive petition to the Gov[r]. and Councill & beg'd pardon for his Crime, It is consider'd in regard he is a Married man and has a charge of children, and some houses to dispose of here, that the carrying him to Madrass would prove his ruine, wherefore it is agreed that he

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remaine here till he can conveniently dispose of his Concerns, and for satisfaction to his superior officer, whom he has affronted, that to Morrow Morning at the head of the Company when drawn up, he begs pardon for the same.

Padre Paulo de Saw making application to the Governour and Councill to be settled as Vicar of this place & Cuddalore to execute his Ecclesiastical function amongst the Papists, and whereas there has been a long Contest between him and Padre Gulelmo for it who is gone to Madrass, where he has Misbehaved himself by reading a Paper in the Church, which justly Disgusted the Governour there; and all the Councill resident here, avering that Padre Paulo is in much greater esteem with the Portugueze than Padre Gulilmo and that he is also a great encourager of trade wee have for the foregoing consideration settled him, and the President & Councill of Madrass has promised him to send him a licence from there.

There being five Malefactors Natives of the Country in prison here, who about the 21st Nov^{r}. last committed a most barbarous Murder, who if brought upon their tryal be convicted and Executed, the latter might render many Inconveniencies at this time, Wherefore It is order'd that Messrs. Mountague, Farmer & Games try the fact by a Jury, half whereof to be Jentues, and if they are found guilty to transport 'em by the first opportunity to St. Hellena to prevent further charge to the Company.

The President having perused the monthly charges of this Place, as well as his short time will permitt, and finding great Numbers of Peons of which he acquaints the Councill who agree with him that one hundred be forthwith Discharged, and that Mr. Haynes &c^{a}. Councill immediately after the Presidents Departure make a strict scrutiny into the Military, and all servants, and Discharge as many as possible can be spared, without prejudice to the Companys Affairs.

The Storekeeper is order'd to send four boats off on board the Bedford, to fetch ashore some Europe Iron for the use of this Garrison.

Order'd that Messrs. Cranwell & Berlu be paid their Diet money and servants wages in arrears, and travelling charges to Madrass.

The President being informed that by setting up flood gates on Trevendaponum river, the water may be pend so as to overflow at any time most part of the grounds and if effected, will be of great advantage to the Company in raising that part of the Revenue, but at present the President &c^{a}. having not time to view, It is order'd that Mr. Haynes & some of the Councill here, take a view of it and calculate what the charge will be, and also agree with the Government of that place to prevent any trouble that may follow, and advise thereof to the President & Councill at Madrass.

Upon leaving Mr. Haynes provisionall Deputy Governour it is desired by the rest of the Councill that every ones post might be appointed, but the shortness of the Presidents stay not admitting to make any alterations at present, It is order'd that Mr. Haynes keep up the Generall Books, and everyone acts in his place as formerly & that Mr. Richard Farmer be paymaster and storekeeper.

There being a vacancy by the removall of Mr. Berlu to Madrass in the Employ of Sea and Land Customer of Tevenapatam, It is ordered that Mr. Ingram officiates the same, and that Mr. John Bulteel be Scavenger & Corn Meeter at that place, and Mr. Richard Skingle succeed as Secretary, he desiring to lay down the same, by reason of a great Diziness in the head & Mr. Samuel Nelthorp to be under the Accomptant.

THOMAS PITT.
MATT. EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
EDM. MOUNTAGUE.
RICHARD FARMER.
TREVOR GAMES.

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9TH. Dispatcht Genll. Letter to Fort St. George of this date.

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Present

THOMAS PITT ESQR. GOVERNOUR.

MATTHEW EMPSON.	JOHN MEVERELL.
JOHN HAYNES.	RALPH INGRAM.
EDM. MOUNTAGUE.	RICHARD FARMER.

TREVOR GAMES.

Both setts of the Joint Stock Merchants being summon'd, came & finished their Contracts Copys whereof are Entred after this Consultation, when they were Tasheriffed as usuall, and nine pieces ordnance fired for each sett at their going out of the Fort.

Tis Ordred that Mr. Haynes (being Cash Keeper) pay unto each sett of Merchants twenty five thousand Pags. being in part of their Contracts finished this day.

Polah Chittee, for accot. of Sunca Rama, pays into the Rt. Honble. Companys Cash here, six thousand pags. being so much he owes them in Madrass.

There being brought with the other Treasure from Madrass on the Bedford one thousand pagodas in fanams which proving to be of less value here than there, they are ordred to be returned & the warehousekeeper accordingly to lade them on board again.

THOMAS PITT.
MATT. EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
EDM. MOUNTAGUE.
RICHARD FARMER.
TREVOR GAMES.

Articles of Agreement made & contracted at Fort St. David this 9th day of August 1701, Between the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr. President & Governour of the Forts St. George and St. David &ca. Councill of Fort St. George & St. David for affairs & on behalf of the Rt. Honble. English East India Company on the one part and the underwritten Merchants vizt.: Viabo Chittee, Verago Chittee, Kette Vencatty Puttee, Tondoa Chittee, Peddee Chittee, Wooda Naique Redde, Narrain Pilla, Mootapa Chittee, Timersha, Allaguppa Chittee, Ellee Chittee, Videe Chittee, &ca. Joint Stock Merchants, all & every of them Jointly & severally on the other part in Manner following that is to say, the said Viabo Chittee &ca. above mentioned Merchants do promise, agree & contract in behalf of themselves &ca. Partners with the Rt. Honble. Company for an Investment to the amount of fifty thousand pagodas, to be brought in, in severall sorts of Callicoes, Quantities, Species, prices as follows:

L.C.O. Long Cloth Ordinary No. 1 & No. 2. 72 covids long & 24 broad 10000 ps. of which 3000 to be blued & 1500 brown, vizt.:

No. 1. at 34 pag. per Corge brown.
No. 2. ... 32½ ditto.

L.C.M. Long Cloth Middling No. 1. & No. 2. 72 covids long & 2¼ broad 1500 ps.

No. 1. at 42 pag. per Corge brown.
No. 2. ... 39 ditto.

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Long Cloth Fine No. 1. & No. 2. 72 covids long & 2¼ broad 2000 pieces. **L.C.F.**
No. 1. at 74 pagodas per Corge brown.
No. 2. ... 69 ditto.

Salampores Ordinary 32 covids long and 2⅛ broad 7500 pieces. **Sa.O.**
No. 1. at 15 pag. per Corge brown.
No. 2. ... 14 Ditto.
No. 10. ... 15.32. of 2¼ broad to be sorted by D°. Musters.
No. 11. ... 14. 29. ditto.

Salampores Fine (to be sorted by the fine long cloth Musters) 32 covids long & 2¼ broad 1500 pieces. **Sal. F.**
pa. fa.
No. 1. at 32 : 32 : per Corge brown.
No. 2. ... 30 : 24 : Ditto.

Salampores Middling 32 covids long & 2¼ broad to be sorted by the Muster ps. **Sa. M.**
of the Middling Long Cloth 2000.
No. 1. at 18 : 24 : per Corge brown.
No. 2. ... 17 : 12 : D°.

Succatoms No. 1. & No. 2. 40 covids long & 2 1/16 broad 1000 pieces. **S.U.C.**
No. 1. at 70 Pag. per Corge brown.
No. 2. ... 65 Do.

Beeteelas 40 covids long 2⅛ broad 1500 ps. **B.E.T.**
No. 26. at 35 pag. per Corge brown.
No. 25. ... 33½ ditto.

Beeteelas 50 covids long 2⅛ broad 1000 Pieces to be sorted by the Musters of 40 covids. **B.E.T.**
No. 28. at 44 pag. per Corge brown.
No. 27. ... 42 ditto.

Podavetz Beetelas 32 covids long 2⅛ Ps. 2000. **P.O.B. E.T.**
No. 1. at 31½ pag. per Corge brown.
No. 2. ... 30 D°.

Oringall Betteelas 32 covids long & 2⅛ broad Ps. 2000. **OR. B.E.T.**
No. 1. at 70 pag. per Corge brown.
No. 2. ... 65 D°.

Upon the above mentioned prices of each sort of goods the Merchants are to be allowed six per cent advance.

All which goods are to be delivered sorted and embaled in Fort St. David, on or before the tenth Day of August which shall be in the year of Our Lord 1702 whereof one half to be brought in, sorted & embaled by the last of January next ensuing.

And the said Merchants in case of failure are to forfeit 25 per cent to the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Company excepting only the impediments which shall unavoidably arise from war or the stops made by the Country Government and the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort St. David, & in case any such stops shall be made, do promise to use their endeavours for clearing the same, but the risque and charge is understood to be the Merchants as usuall, and for the said goods they are to pay 22 per cent Land custom and one per cent Dustore as is customary.

And the President and Councill do promise to pay the said Merchants twenty five thousand Pag. at or upon the signing and sealing of this Contract and when they shall bring in to the value of five thousand pagodas worth of goods they shall be paid five thousand pagodas more and so progressively till they shall have received the whole fifty thousand pagodas.

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And for the better carrying on and performing of this Contract the said Viabo Chittee &c[a]. Joint Stock Merchants are obliged to make appear to have a stock of their own clear of all Debts in Money & Goods to the amount of six thousand pagodas.

And it is further agreed that what Cloth shall be turned out, shall be delivered to 'em again, to be disposed of by them, and shall have a mark put on it by the Warehousekeeper to prevent their bringing it in again.

And it is also agreed that all the severall sorts of Cloth of this Investment shall be sorted by the Madrass Musters now agreed upon to which the Merchants seals are affixt.

And the said Viabo Chittee &c[a]. Merchants do promise and oblige themselves that in case any Controversie or Dispute shall happen either among themselves or between themselves and Eram Rause &c[a]. Joint Stock Merchants relating anyways to the Contracts of this date, made with both setts of Merchants that then they shall apply themselves to the Deputy Governor and Councill, to whose Determination they the said Merchants shall acquiesce rest & remain satisfyed. In witness whereof the said Viabo Chittee &c[a]. Merchants have sett their hands & seals to one of these writings & the President & Councill have sett their hands & the seal of the R[t]. Hon[ble]. Company to another Writing, both of one tenor & Date at Fort St. David, the year & Date above mentioned.

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of

CHA. BUGDEN, *Secretary.*
JOHN BULTEEL, *Secretary.*

NARRAIN PILLA VIABO CHITTEE MOOTAPA CHITTEE VERAGO CHITTEE TIMERSHIA KETTE VENCATTY PUTTE ALLAGUPA CHITTEE TONDEA CHITTEE ELLEE CHITTEE PEDDE CHITTEE VIDEE CHITTEE WOODA NAQUE REDDE.

The Contract with Eram Rauze &c[a]. Joint Stock Merchant being of the same tenor & date with the above is the reason it is not enter'd here at length.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ[R]. GOVERNOUR.

MATTHEW EMPSON.	JOHN MEVERELL.
JOHN HAYNES.	RALPH INGRAM.
EDMUND MOUNTAGUE.	RICHARD FARMER.

TREVOR GAMES.

MONDAY 11[TH].

There being a want of Horses at Madrass & more than what is necessary here, Tis order'd that the two Horses lately given by the Doud Cawne be sent overland to Fort St. George by the Peons belonging to that Place, & that fifty more from hence accompany 'em as far as Elembor.

THOMAS PITT.
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